

Florida House of Representatives

HOUSE MAJORITY OFFICE

402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1300

Adam Hasner322 The CapitolMajority Leader(850) 488-1993

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 7, 2010

CONTACT: Joseph Agostini

(850) 488-1993

HOUSE MOVES FORWARD TOWARD PASSAGE OF MERIT PAY LEGISLATION REWARDING FLORIDA TEACHERS

TALLAHASSEE, FL – After 3 hours of debate in committee, 8 hours of public testimony and debate in policy council and an additional 8 hours of questions and debates on amendments, the Florida House moved House Bill (HB) 7189, a transformational measure that rewards excellence in teachers by rewarding them for performance, forward to a final vote on the House floor tomorrow. House Majority Leader Adam Hasner (R-Delray Beach) released the following statement:

"Tonight, the House dispelled the misinformation that is being spread about this bill by union bosses more interested in scaring teachers and parents than rewarding our teachers for excellent classroom performance. I am encouraged by the support we've received today for rewarding Florida's excellent teachers. Tomorrow we are going to pass this important legislation and help transform our educational system by rewarding our teachers based on their performance in the classroom, not longevity."